



**Virginia Indian Advisory Board
Recognition Workgroup
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday, July 14 2022

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Virtual – Teams

Committee Members Present:

**Buck Woodard
Brad Hatch
Pam Ross
Greg Smithers
Jean Kelley**

Committee Members Absent:

None

Non-Members in Attendance:

**Chief Terry Price
Gary Price
Annette Price
Kimberly Teehee
Brandon Custalow
Erik Conyers
Adam McCreary**

Committee Business:

- Old Business

- **Approval of June 6 minutes. Greg moves to accept minutes, Pam seconds. Motion carries.**
- **Communication with the Wolf Creek Petitioner, letter of 6/29/22. Buck summarizes letter from Wolf Creek in response to first letter from workgroup, which did not arrive until early-mid June. Wolf Creek asked for time extension until beginning of September to meet the requests of the workgroup. Buck asks group about opinions on extension requested by Wolf Creek until September 6, 2022.**
 - **Pam asks what is our date for one year from starting our review, was it January? Buck says it was January and that losing David Cornsilk has created an issue, also. Pam suggests that we need guidance from VIAB to make sure we are compliant with the year timeline and some coordination with Wolf Creek to make sure they are good with that**



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extension. Greg has no problem with additional time needed, particularly since Wolf Creek has been present for our discussions of what extra is needed. Brad agrees that September deadline is okay as long as VIAB agrees.

- Buck raises some questions about second letter and when to send it since we have a new genealogist. Perhaps communicate with petitioner about criteria 5 and 6, then delay criterion 4 until Jean has a chance to look at it. Now our report to VIAB will be delayed until the fall.
- Buck provides overview of June 20 VIAB meeting.
 - Brandon would like a workgroup member to give an update on progress at their next meeting on July 19 at 10:30 AM. Brad and Buck can attend virtually. Brad speaking about criterion 1 in particular. VIAB hopes to carry this forward at all of their meetings.
- Buck discusses counterpetitions from a citizen and the Cherokee Nation and suggests we should table those until our work is done in order to avoid prejudice from outside until we have reviewed all of the evidence presented to us by the petitioner. Brad suggests that it isn't our job as the workgroup to review counterpetitions, but that the VIAB needs to assess these in relation to our report on the petition. Greg agrees. Pam suggests there may be information in counterpetition that speaks to veracity of some of the claims that are difficult to verify independently. Buck suggests looking at it after we are done reviewing the petition.
- **New Business**
 - Buck introduces Jean Kelley. Jean says the new September deadline fits with her concept of when she can dive into the genealogy.
 - Buck asks petitioner to make sure that Jean receives a copy of the genealogy chart.
 - Buck discusses the Google Drive, its contents, and its organization. Greg sees its organization as the petitioner's responsibility. Pam agrees, doesn't presume to know what they want attached to which criterion. Jean suggests possibly a folder for each criterion on the Google Drive. Can include one piece of evidence in multiple places. Make sure to put narrative together.
 - Pam welcomes Jean and looks forward to her guidance. Greg does the same. Brad, also. Buck interested in her analysis of community structure, familial relations, and Cherokee materials.
- **Public comment**
 - Chief Price and Annette Price. Annette welcomes Jean and points to Google Drive and the genealogical charts in it. It includes a great deal more information than original petition. Perhaps Erik can share large genealogical chart with Jean?



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- Gary Price comments on Cherokee and their resolution opposing several tribes, including Wolf Creek. 30-page counterpetition from somebody out of state.
- Brandon Custalow says the VIAB voted to pass on the counterpetition to the workgroup to evaluate since the workgroup expertise allows for that. Need to clarify timeline for recommendation to board. That timeline likely ends around the end of 2022, but need to confirm.
- Kimberly Teehee, Cherokee representative to Congress. Confirms that Cherokee tri-council opposes what they consider fake groups of Cherokee for state and federal recognition.
- Chief Terry Price will talk to their attorney regarding email. Wants workgroup to consider petition with little outside influence and in regard to the process set forward.
- Pam suggests Google Drive should be organized sooner rather than later, particularly the genealogy section for Jean's ease of use.
- Annette says that they did list articles, page numbers, and information for archaeological sites in their additional information. Says she will work on organization.
- **Announcements and polling for next meeting**
 - **Next Meeting Thursday, August 25 6-8 PM**
- **Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm**